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## BATTLE OF THE PLANETS

## TOM and JERRY

JERRY THINKS HE'S IN FOR A NICE PADDLE ROUND THE LAKE, IS HE IN FOR A SURPRISE!
EH! TOM, WHAT D'YOU THINK YOU'RE UP TO?
THIS IS THE END OF YOUR VOYAGE, RODENT!
IN THAT CASE I'D BETTER GRAB A LIFELINE!
EHH? WHERE'S JERRY GONE? OOO-AAAGH!
THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH TOM! HE ALWAYS GOES OVERBOARD ABOUT THINGS!
SPLOSH!
SEEING AS HE'S SPLASHED OUT ON THIS CANOE, I MIGHT AS WELL ENJOY MY SELF!
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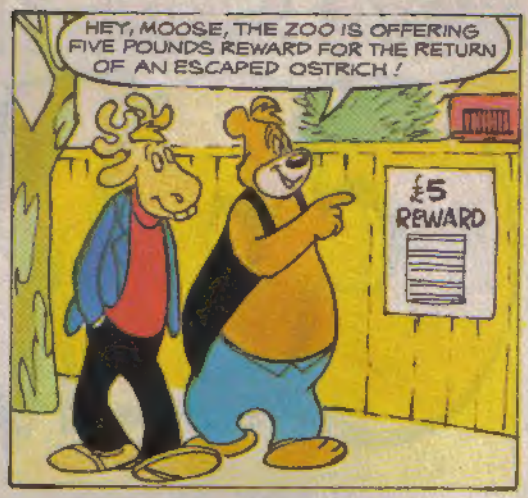
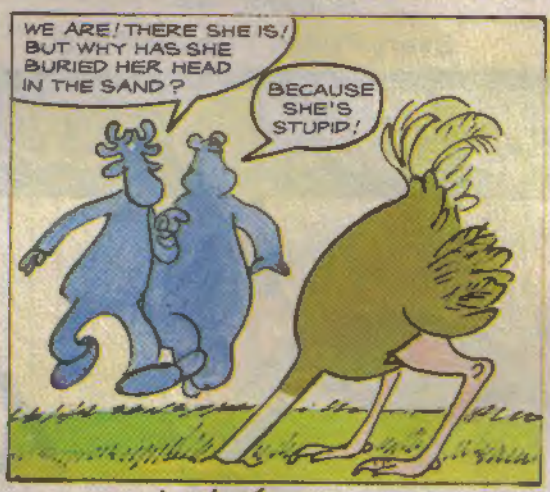
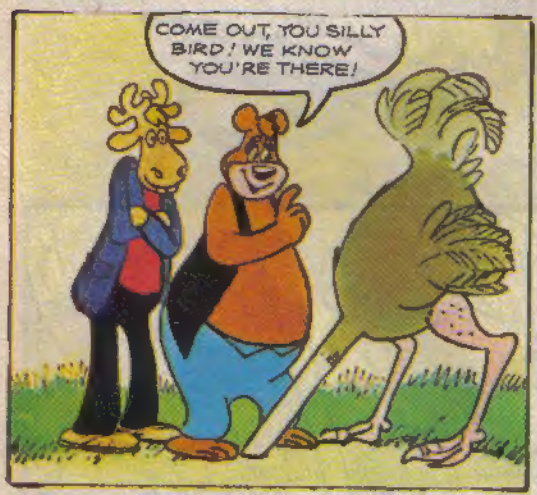
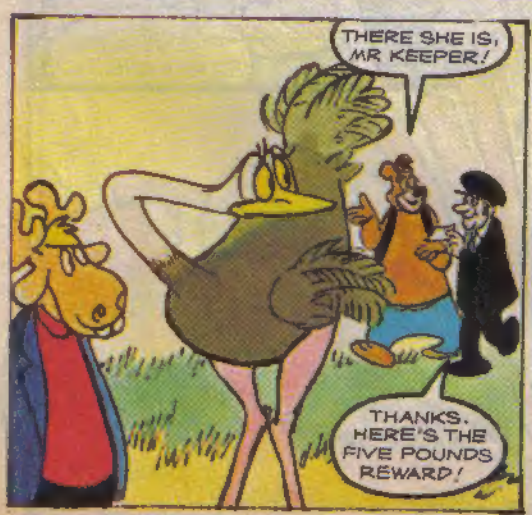
# BARNEY BEAR









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ONE SWIM LATER...
OO...ER! TOM'S LOOKING PRETTY 5-OAR ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED! HE'S HIRED ANOTHER BOAT TO GET ME!
STAND BY TO BE BROADSIDED!
G-GULP! I'D BETTER KEEP SOME SPACE BETWEEN US! TOM'S OUT FOR A ROW!
YOU SAID IT, RODENT...
SHOVE
KERPOW!
LIKE I SAID, I AIM TO CRACK DOWN ON YOU!
UNK!
LATER...
AVAST THERE, RODENT! CAPTAIN TOM SAYS YOU HAS TO WALK THE PLANK!
G-GUESS I'M S-SUNK! TOM'S TAKING STERN MEASURES TO GET HIS REVENGE!
YOU HEARD ME, JERRY! JUMP..!
ANYTHING YOU SAY, TOM! ONLY YOU'LL SOON SEE...
...THAT I SAW...
?
UNNNNGH!
... A WAY TO SPRING A TRAP! SNIGGER!
KERLUNK!
NEXT MOMENT...
NOW TO RELAX AND ... EH ?
COME IN NUMBER THREE, YOUR TIME IS UP!
PUFF...THIS LITTLE ... EXERCISE... HAS LEFT ME WITH THE DAMPENING THOUGHT THAT CRAFT-Y OLD TOM HAS COME OFF BEST! WHEEZE!

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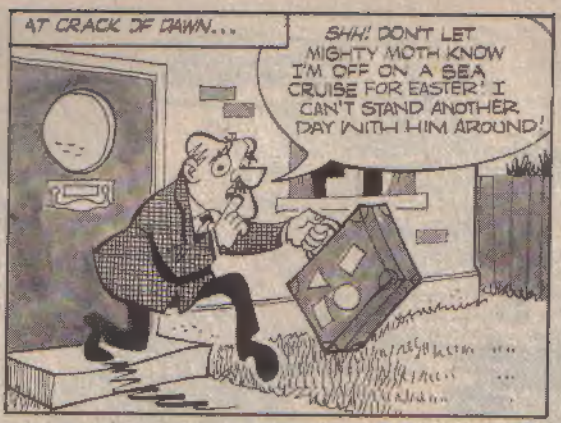
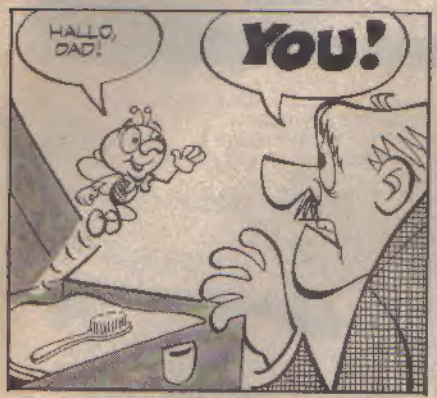
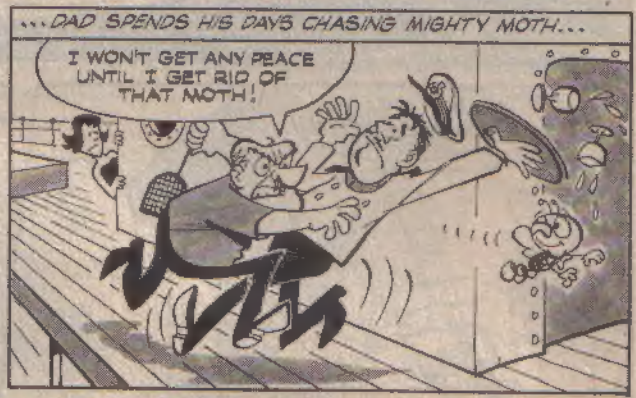
# MIGHTY MOTH


AT CRACK OF DAWN...
SHH! DON'T LET MIGHTY MOTH KNOW I'M OFF ON A SEA CRUISE FOR EASTER! I CAN'T STAND ANOTHER DAY WITH HIM AROUND!

ON BOARD SHIP...
ALONE AT LAST!


HALLO, DAD!
YOU!

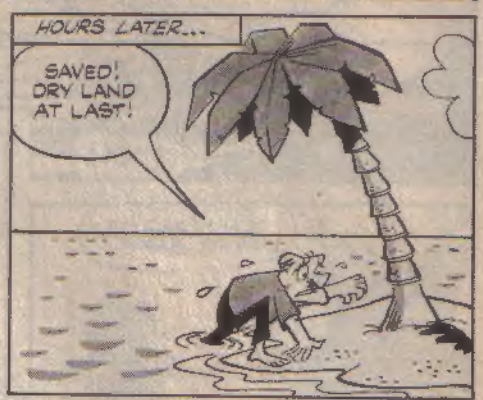
SO, AS THE SHIP SAILS SOUTH INTO WARM SEAS...


...DAD SPENDS HIS DAYS CHASING MIGHTY MOTH...
I WON'T GET ANY PEACE UNTIL I GET RID OF THAT MOTH!

SUDDENLY...
TAKE THAT... YAH!

HELP! HELP!
MAN OVERBOARD!

THEY DIDN'T HEAR ME! I'M ALONE IN THE VAST OCEAN!

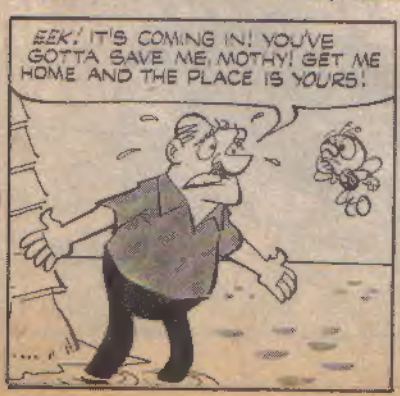

HOURS LATER...
SAVED! DRY LAND AT LAST!

OH, WELL, AT LEAST IT'S PEACEFUL!

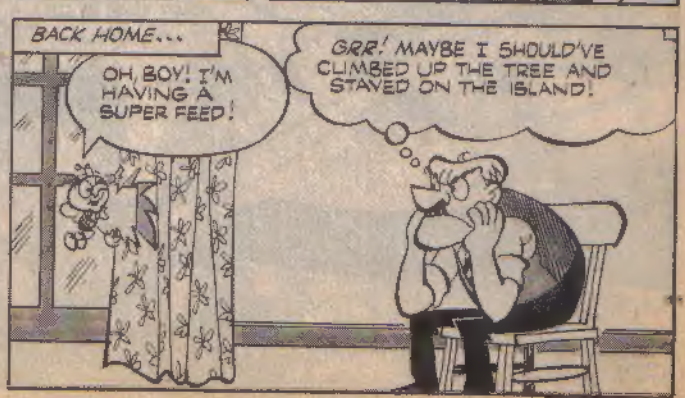
BONK!

HALLO, DAD! I THOUGHT I'D FOLLOW YOU!
MOTHY! AND I'D FOUND THE PERFECT SPOT!

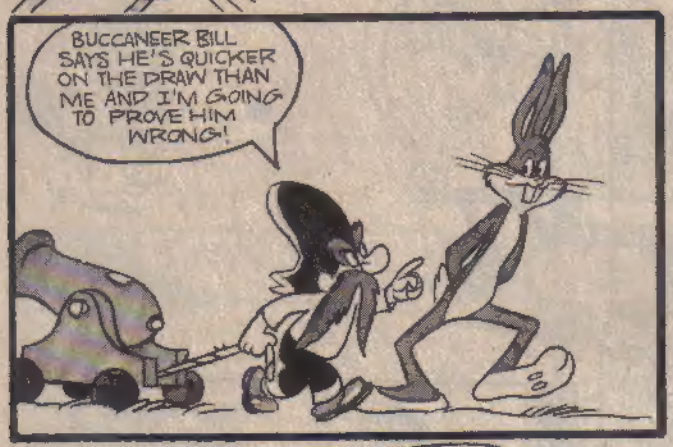
WHAT ABOUT THE TIDE, DAD? IT COMES UP TO HERE!

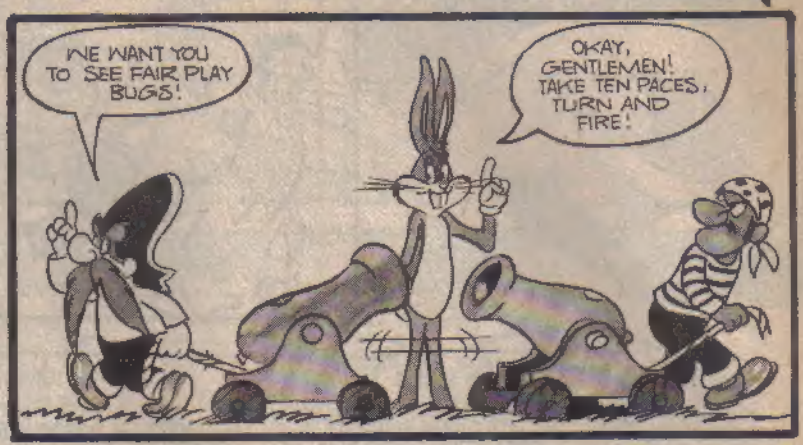

EEK! IT'S COMING IN! YOU'VE GOTTA SAVE ME, MOTHY! GET ME HOME AND THE PLACE IS YOURS!

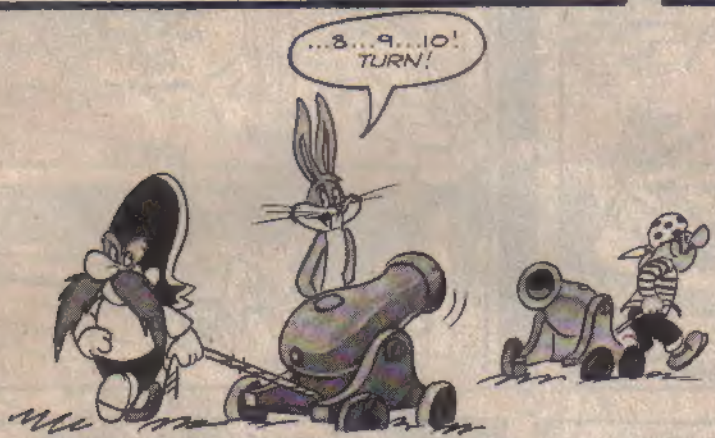
WE'LL SOON BE THERE, DAD!

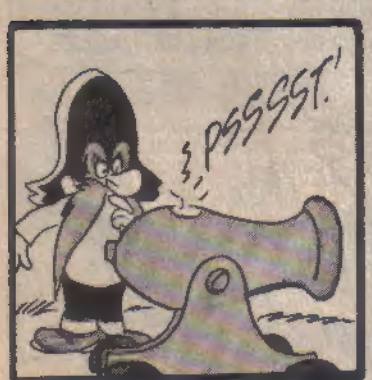

BACK HOME...
OH, BOY! I'M HAVING A SUPER FEED!
GRR! MAYBE I SHOULD'VE CLIMBED UP THE TREE AND STAYED ON THE ISLAND!

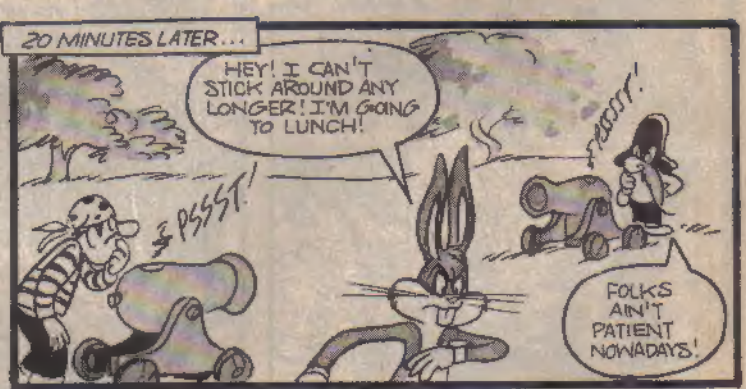
# The BUGS BUNNY show

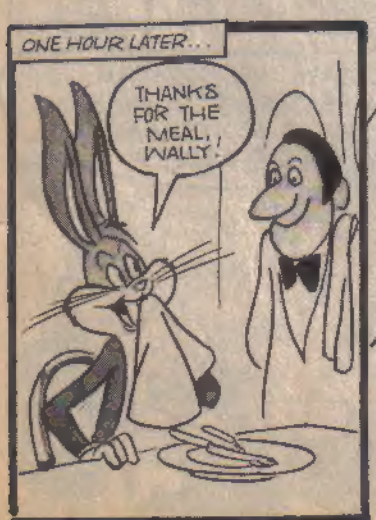


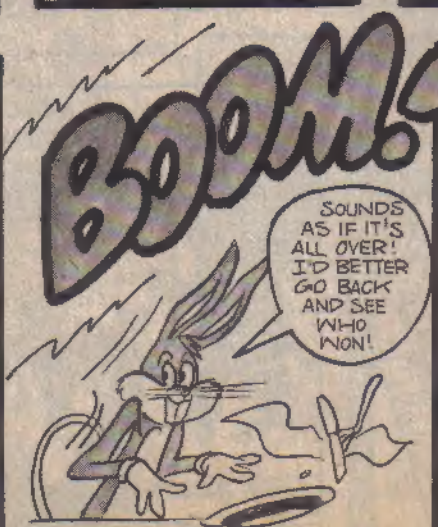



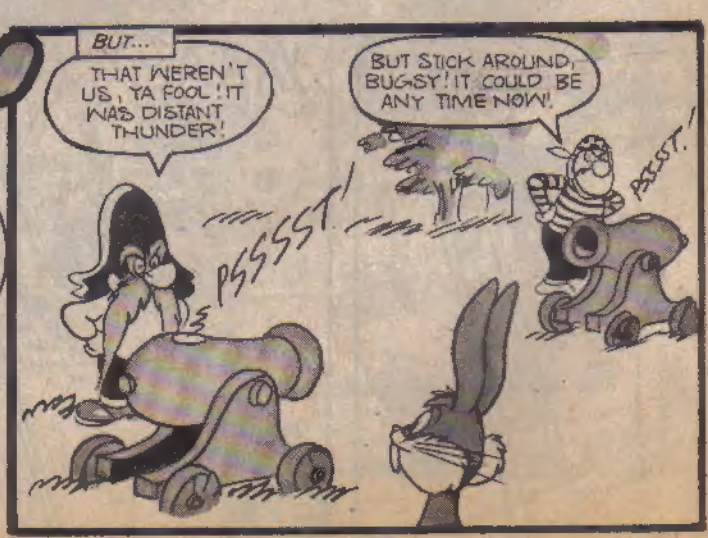





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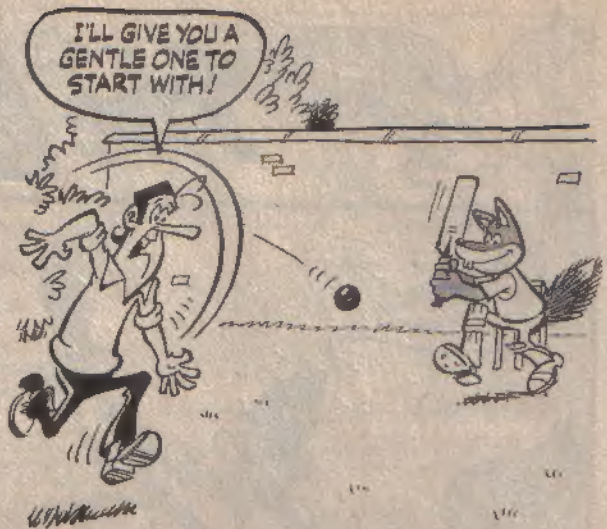
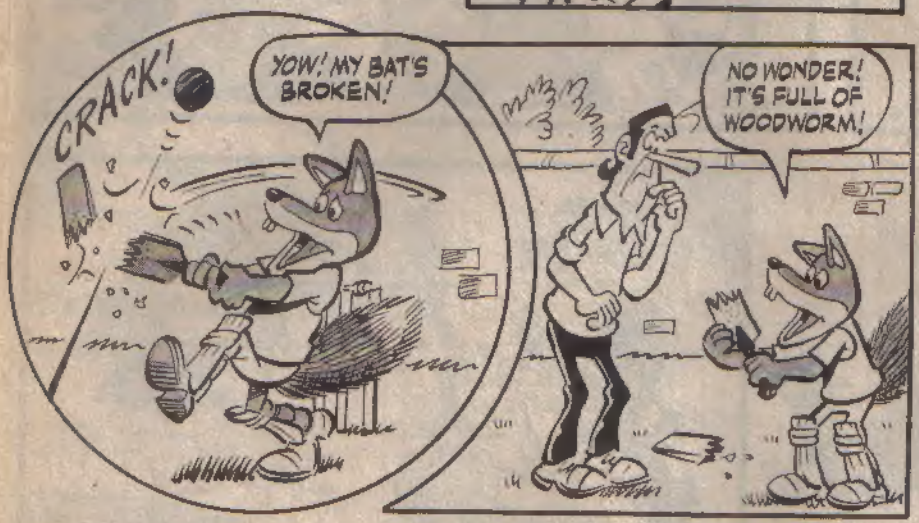
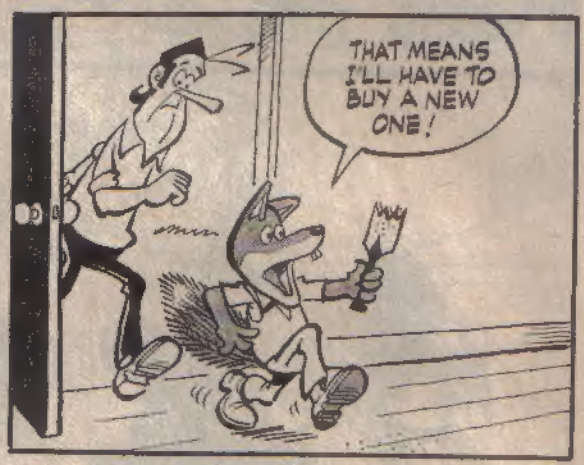
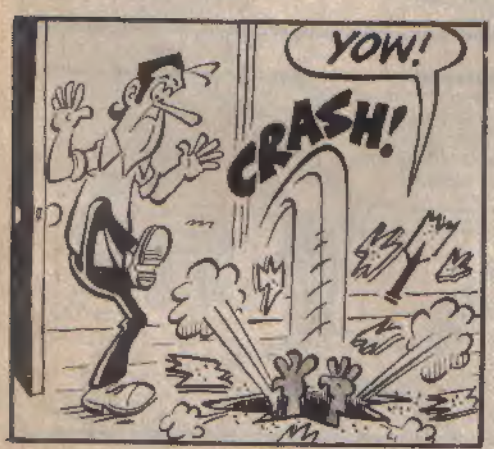
# BASIL BRUSH

GET THE BALL OUT, CHUMMERS! IT'S TIME FOR ME TO START PRACTISING FOR THE CRICKET SEASON!

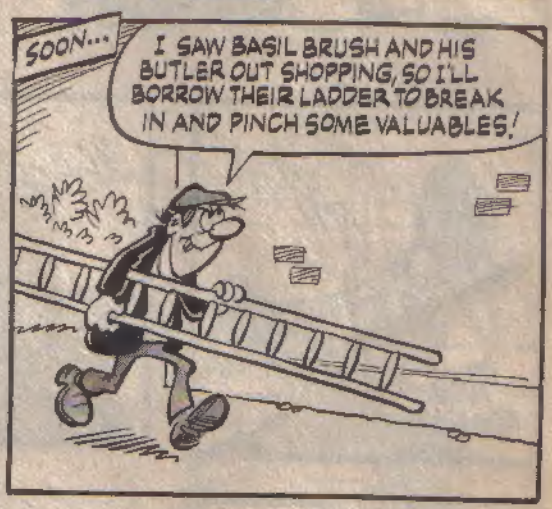

I'LL GIVE YOU A GENTLE ONE TO START WITH!


CRACK!
YOW! MY BAT'S BROKEN!
NO WONDER! IT'S FULL OF WOODWORM!


THAT MEANS I'LL HAVE TO BUY A NEW ONE!


YOW!
CRASH!

THE FLOOR IS FULL OF WOODWORM AS WELL! WE'LL HAVE TO GO TO THE VILLAGE AND BUY SOMETHING TO GET RID OF THEM!


SOON...
I SAW BASIL BRUSH AND HIS BUTLER OUT SHOPPING, SO I'LL BORROW THEIR LADDER TO BREAK IN AND PINCH SOME VALUABLES!

NEARLY THERE!

YAAA!
SNAP!

WE'LL LEAVE THE WOODWORM ALONE, CHUMMERS! THANKS TO THEM BEING IN THE LADDER, WE WERE SAVED FROM BEING ROBBED!
DAZE!

THE PINK PANTHER
FORWARD, TROOPS! LET THE ENEMY SEE WHAT WE ARE MADE OFF!
CHARGE!
WE WILL NOT FLINCH BEFORE THEIR CANNON AND MUSKET!
HEY! THIS IS DAFT!
THINGS ARE GETTING NASTY!
I'M GOING BACK!
ME, TOO!
AT 'EM, LADS!
EH?
EXCUSE ME, KAPITAN! YOUR MEN HAVE LEFT YOU AND GONE BACK TO THEIR LINES.
WHY THE COWARDLY DOGS! HOW DARE THEY DESERT THEIR COMMANDER!
I'LL TEACH THAT LILY-LIVERED LOT A LESSON THEY WON'T FORGET! WHO WILL JOIN ME?
CHARGE!
ZIS EES GETTING DANGEROUS!
HEY! COME BACK! WHAT ARE YOU—MEN OR MICE?
GULP!
IT'S NICE TO KNOW THERE ARE TWO LOTS OF COWARDS ON THE BATTLEFIELD!
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BATTLE OF THE PLANETS
CLOUDS GATHER OVER THE GREAT EARTH CITY OF TROYLAS, ONLY THIS IS NO USUAL STORM....!
LOOK UP THERE!
RUN!
RUN!
THE CRUSHING POWER OF THE VAST ALIEN HAND IS TERRIFYING...
EEK!
AAGH!
EARTH STRIKES BACK, BUT...
OUR MISSILES HAVE NO EFFECT ON IT!
CENTRE NEPTUNE - DEEP BENEATH THE PACIFIC OCEAN. ROBOT 7-ZARK-7 ISSUES AN ALERT.
CALLING SPACESHIP PHOENIX! WE'VE GOT TROUBLE, GANG!
ABOARD THE PHOENIX ARE G-FORCE...
TINY
KEYOP
PRINCESS
WE'RE ON OUR WAY!
ALL TAPS OPEN, 7-ZARK 7!
BOOP, BLEEP!
JASON
MARK
THESE ARE THE FOUR YOUNG ORPHANS, WHO WITH THE LITTLE ANDROID KEYOP, PROTECT EARTH AGAINST ALL INVADERS!
THERE IT IS!
AND LOOK AT THE DAMAGE IT'S CAUSED!
ONLY ZOLTAR COULD BE RESPONSABLE FOR THAT KIND OF MECHANICAL MENACE!
AND HE NEVER DOES THINGS BY HALVES!

EARTH'S ARCH-ENEMY IS ZOLTAR, EVIL RULER OF THE DYING PLANET, SPECTRA...
MY CLUTCHER WILL SOON HAVE THEM! FOOLS OF G-FORCE, YOU ARE PART OF MY PLAN FOR CONQUERING EARTH!
O LUMINOUS ONE, THERE'LL BE NO MISTAKE THIS TIME. YOUR ORDER FOR EARTH'S CONQUEST IS ALMOST ACCOMPLISHED!
ZOLTAR'S ONLY OVERLORD IS A HIGHER AND MORE POWERFUL GALACTIC BEING, KNOWN AS THE SUPREME ONE.
THROW EVERY LASER AND MISSILE WE HAVE, JASON!
GOTCHA, MARK! HERE GOES!
IT'S NO GOOD, MARK! OUR MISSILES ARE USELESS!
GREAT ASTEROIDS!
IT'S GOING TO GRAB US!
TINY, EVASIVE ACTION! USE POWER BANK THREE!
I CAN'T MOVE!
BUT THE VAST HAND SHOWS AMAZING SPEED...
THE CLOUD'S SWALLOWING US!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
AAGH! I'M GOING NUMB!
WHAT IS THE SINISTER SECRET OF ZOLTAR'S CLOUD? SEE NEXT WEEK!
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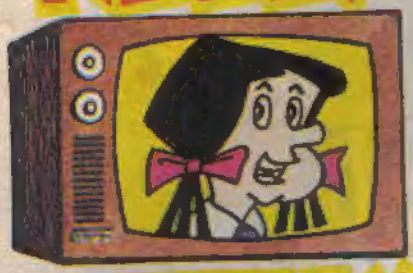
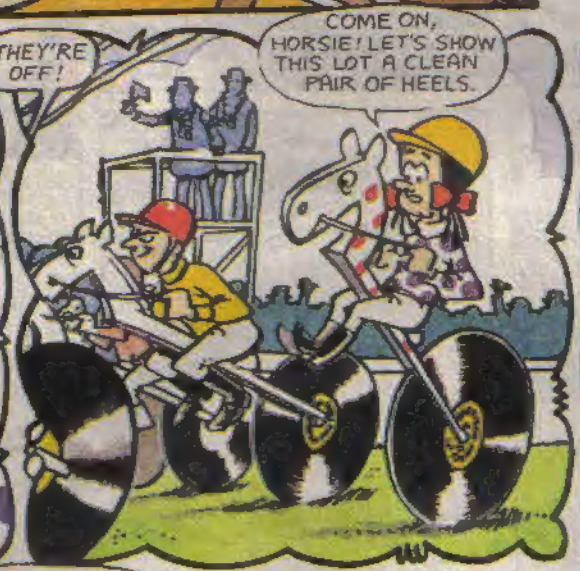
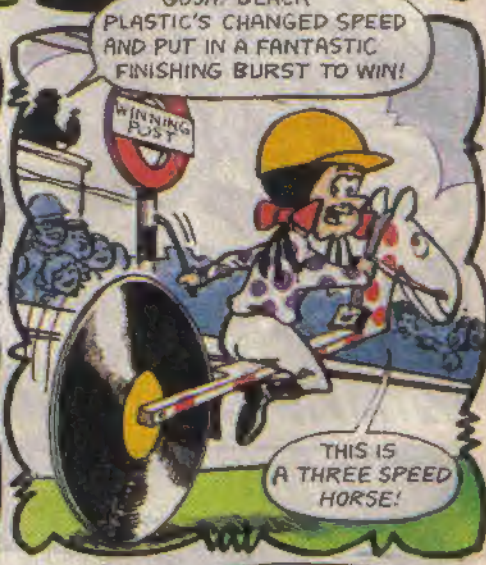
# NELLY AND HER TELLY







GULP! I WAS DAY-DREAMING AGAIN, MUM! I MUST'VE CHANGED THE SPEED ON THE RECORD PLAYER!
GRR! YOU'RE ALWAYS DOING THAT AND RUINING ALL THE RECORDS!

The Inspector
HELP! I'M STUCK!
DON'T WORRY YOUNG FELLOW! I'M A PO CE OFFICER I'LL CALL FOR HELP!
THIS IS THE INSPECTOR! SEND THE FIRE BRIGADE TO PROSPECT PARK! THERE'S A YOUNG LAD HERE WITH HIS HEAD STUCK IN THE RAILINGS!
DON'T WORRY - THEY WILL BE HERE SOON!
ERK! I'M STUCK AS WELL!
INSPECTOR! WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING? WHY AREN'T YOU AT WORK?
I'VE GOT MY NECK STUCK!
I'VE HEARD SOME PRETTY TAME EXCUSES IN MY TIME, BUT...
YOW! I'M STUCK AS WELL!
NOT TO WORRY! HERE COMES THE FIRE BRIGADE!
THIS WON'T TAKE LONG
WHAT'S THE MATTER NOW? YOU'RE FREE AREN'T YOU?
YES BUT WHY HAVEN'T THEY OFFERED US AN EASTER EGG LIKE THEY HAVE THE KID?

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TV TERRORS
TODAY
SHOWBIZ TEAM
V
OTHERS
TV CHARITY
RUGBY MATCH
KICK OFF 2-30
NO SIGN OF THOSE TERRORS. I THINK I'LL GO IN AND WATCH THE GAME!
BUT...
JUST SIGN YOUR AUTOGRAPHS HERE, PLEASE.
SURE KIDS!
THANKS, FELLERS!
HOPPIT. GRRR.
DON'T MENTION IT!
CLEAR OFF. YOU'RE HOLDING UP THE GAME.
EEEEK!
WHAM!
LATER...
THE SHOWBIZ TEAM HAVE SCORED A TRY AND NOW PERCY PRANCE, THE FAMOUS TV BALLET DANCER IS ABOUT TO TAKE THE CONVERSION KICK.
BUT PERCY MISSES...
AWK. I'VE RICKED MYSELF SOMETH'N' DREADFUL!
PERCY'S BEING CARRIED OFF — WHAT A PITY.
HAW! HAW! HAW!
HEE! HEE
HEE! HEE!
WHO CAN WE GET TO REPLACE PERCY?
YES WHO?
GOOD POINT.
JUST THEN...
TRY AGAIN WOULD YOU?
YEEEOWCH!
TAKE THAT.
OLD HOPPIT'S A GREAT KICKER. HE'S OUR MAN.
THUMP!
SO...
YOU CAN TAKE OVER FROM PERCY HOPPIT... GET CHANGED!
YOU BET SIR. WHAT AN HONOUR!
TWO MINUTES LATER
HOPPIT'S KICKED A GREAT ONE.
KERUMP
THEN...
HOPPIT MUST BE SORRY HE CONVERTED THAT TRY!
YEAH. HE'LL BE CONVERTED TO SOCCER FROM NOW ON! HA. HA. HA.
SPLAT!

# LETTERS and LAUGHS

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**Send your letters, photographs, and jokes to: Letters and Laughs, TV Comic, P.O. Box 91, London W2 1EP.**

Easter, we thought, would be egg-xactly the right time to bring new changes to your Letters and Laughs page. Thank you for all the letters and jokes that you send in. The message is: keep up the good work! You'll notice we now have a Popeye Sea Chest. Popeye has been around for over 50 years, bringing enjoyment into people's lives and increasing the consumption of spinach, so it's time we celebrated. Enjoy your transfers too!
*The Editor.*
P.S. Let me know what you think of the new Popeye film.

## LETTERS

Dear Editor,
When I was little I slept in my cot bed. We had just moved into our new house with a lot of waste ground behind it. One night a field mouse came in to see me when I was in bed. I called my mum to tell her but she said, "Don't be silly, go to sleep." Later the mouse ran over my mum's bed. She screamed and would not let my dad go to sleep until he got rid of it. Yet I was the silly one!

**From Michelle Sapwell (8), Milton Keynes.**

*I bet you were as quiet as a mouse when she was screaming, Michelle.*

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Dear Editor,
If you received a joke like this:

and it had no name on, it was from me. This is my name.

**Oliver Lambert, Pinner.**

## ★STAR LETTER

Dear Editor,
My Grandpa yawned while he was reading *The Times*. Then he saw *TV Comic* and read that for 30 minutes instead. We all giggled but he didn't notice.

**From Sarah Holford (6), Hampton.**

*I'm glad he's no longer behind the times, Sarah!—Ed.*

Dear Editor,
When I was quite young my grandmother came to look after my young brother and myself at short notice. At breakfast the first morning she asked me if my brother would be having his cereals in his pyjamas and I said, "No he has them in a dish."

**From Andrew Webb, Leamington Spa.**

*Did she take your joke cerealously, Andrew?*

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Dear Editor,
One day I was standing with my friend in a queue and I heard a small boy speaking. He said, "We're moving house on Saturday. I will be able to have my own room now, but mum and dad will still have to share." He was feeling sorry for his parents.

**From Peter Hammond, Stoke-on-Trent.**

*Thanks for that moving joke, Peter.*

## LAUGHS

Q. Would you like black coffee, sir?
A. What other colours have you?
Q. Why is a baby like an old car?
A. They both have a rattle.
Q. Why should you always remain calm when you meet some cannibals?
A. Not to get yourself in a stew!
**Jokes from Tommy Conroy, Stockport.**

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"The thunder crashed,
The lightning roared,
And all the world was shaken.
The little pig picked up his tail
And ran to save its bacon."

**From Melanie Slaughter, Bradford.**

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Teacher: What do you know about Good Friday?
Pupil: He did the housework for Robinson Crusoe, Miss.

**From Ian MacDonald, Risborough.**

## POPEYE'S SEA CHEST

Popeye, favourite of TV Comic readers for many years, has been the star of countless cartoon films. But the new Popeye film is totally different. It uses the great talents of Robin Williams (Mork, of *Mork and Mindy*) as the spinach eating sailor, and Shelley Duvall as his gangly sweetheart, Olive Oyl.

Special effects abound—a whole village was built in Malta for the film, and over 100 pairs of Popeye arms specially made. Six months were spent working on the arms, and even then they weren't ready. The film had to start with Popeye wearing a coat!

The film tells the story of how Popeye comes to Sweethaven looking for his long-lost Pappy. He has many fierce clashes with the Rough House Gang, the wicked Bluto and Slimy Sam the Octopus, before he establishes himself in Sweethaven, wins the heart of Olive, and is reunited with his Pappy.

He also becomes 'a mother' (as he puts it) when a stranger abandons her baby to be looked after by the 'one-eyed sailor'. Olive thinks Popeye is bats for calling him Swee'pea. He rejoins: "Wot does ya want t'call him? Baby Oyl?"

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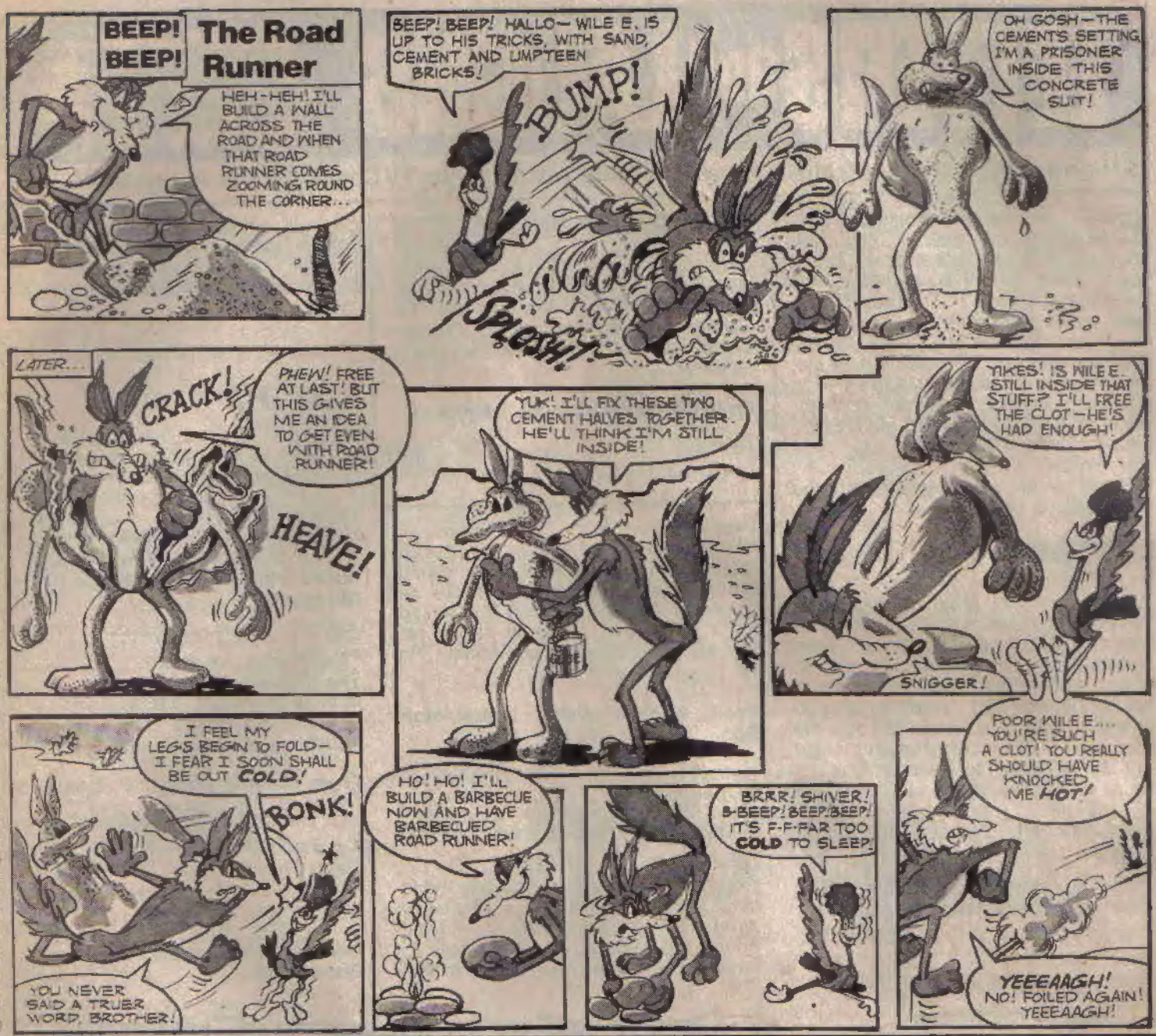
BEEP! BEEP!
The Road Runner
HEH-HEH! I'LL BUILD A WALL ACROSS THE ROAD AND WHEN THAT ROAD RUNNER COMES ZOOMING ROUND THE CORNER...
BEEP! BEEP! HALLO— WILE E. IS UP TO HIS TRICKS, WITH SAND, CEMENT AND UMPTEEN BRICKS!
BUMP!
SPLOSH!
OH GOSH—THE CEMENT'S SETTING. I'M A PRISONER INSIDE THIS CONCRETE SUIT!
LATER...
CRACK!
PHEW! FREE AT LAST! BUT THIS GIVES ME AN IDEA TO GET EVEN WITH ROAD RUNNER!
HEAVE!
YUK! I'LL FIX THESE TWO CEMENT HALVES TOGETHER. HE'LL THINK I'M STILL INSIDE!
YIKES! IS WILE E. STILL INSIDE THAT STUFF? I'LL FREE THE CLOT—HE'S HAD ENOUGH!
SNIGGER!
I FEEL MY LEGS BEGIN TO FOLD— I FEAR I SOON SHALL BE OUT COLD!
BONK!
YOU NEVER SAID A TRUER WORD, BROTHER!
HO! HO! I'LL BUILD A BARBECUE NOW AND HAVE BARBECUED ROAD RUNNER!
BRRR! SHIVER! B-BEEP! BEEP! BEEP! IT'S F-F-FAR TOO COLD TO SLEEP!
POOR WILE E.... YOU'RE SUCH A CLOT! YOU REALLY SHOULD HAVE KNOCKED ME HOT!
YEEEAAGH! NO! FOILED AGAIN! YEEEAAGH!

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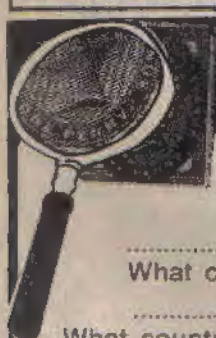

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BUZBY
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. . . SHE LOVES ME . . . SHE LOVES ME NOT . . . SHE LOVES ME!
LULU LOVES ME! THE DAISY SAYS SO!
BUZBY
I'LL SEND HER A BUNCH OF FLOWERS TO LET HER KNOW I KNOW!
COULD YOU SEND A BUNCH OF FLOWERS TO MISS LULU AT NESTY NOOK, PLEASE?
CERTAINLY, SIR! ANY MESSAGE?
BUZBY
YES... GIGGLE! THE MESSAGE IS:- "ROSES ARE RED, VIOLETS ARE BLUE, MY NAME'S BUZBY AND I LOVE YOU, TOO!"
SOON...
HEY! WHO ARE THOSE FLOWERS FROM?
BUZBY!
GRR! TRYING TO STEAL MY GIRL-FRIEND, EH? I'LL SHOW HIM!
DON'T BE AWFUL, ARTHUR! HE DOESN'T KNOW I ALREADY HAVE A BOY FRIEND!
OKAY-I'LL SEND HIM SOME FLOWERS IN REPLY!
SOON...
POTTED FLOWERS FOR MR. BUZBY!
GOSH! LULU HAS REPLIED!
BUZBY
MELVIN
SORRY, SIR- CUSTOMERS ORDERS!
CRASH!
"VIOLETS ARE BLUE, ROSES ARE RED, HERE'S SOME FOR YOU, ON TOP OF THE HEAD! SIGNED ARTHUR."

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POPEYE
SPINACH
STEP RIGHT UP FOR A DONKEY RIDE!
DONKEY RIDES 10¢
JUST LOOK AT THE WAY BRUTUS IS TREATING THAT POOR DONKEY!
I'VE THOUGHT WE'D RIDE THE DONKEY ON OUR OWN!
THIS ISN'T FAIR!
HEY, BRUTUS! YA AIN'T BEING FAIR TO THAT POOR LIL' DONKEY!
WHAT YA GONNA DO ABOUT IT, SAILOR?
I'LL BUY HIM OFF YA!
MONEY! IT'S A DEAL!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THE DONKEY, POPEYE?
HE NEEDS A REST! HE CAN STAY IN THIS FIELD!
HEY, POPEYE! HOW ABOUT LOOKING AFTER MY PET? YOU CAN HAVE HIM FOR NOTHING!
OKAY! WHERE IS HE?
HE'S BEEN WITHOUT WORK SINCE THE CIRCUS CLOSED! HE COSTS QUITE A LOT TO FEED!
AN ELEPHINK!
WAIT A MINUTE! HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO EARN HIS KEEP!
BY PULLING THE BOATS IN...
MEVIN
...WASHING 'EM DOWN!
HOORAY FOR POPEYE!
...AND GIVING FREE RIDES TO THE KIDS!

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